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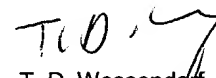
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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 05 April 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
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- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The claim listing cancels claims 93-98. However, the REMARKS at page 4 states "Applicants are now electing to cancel claims 97 and 98 without prejudice to further prosecution in a related case". Hence, it is confusing as to the claims that should be cancelled.


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